

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

CLERK'S OFFICE

NOTICE OF GENERIC WORKSHOP

ND-2019-4-A

**INQUIRY REGARDING "BILL ROUND UP PROGRAMS"
FOR JURISDICTIONAL UTILITIES**

On April 3, 2019, the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) issued Order No. 2019-244, wherein it directed its Staff to schedule a generic workshop to gather information regarding "Bill Round Up Programs" for jurisdictional utilities.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Public Service Commission of South Carolina will conduct a generic workshop related to "Bill Round Up Programs" on **Tuesday, August 6, 2019, at 10:00 a.m.** in the Commission's Hearing Room, Synergy Business Park, 101 Executive Center Drive, Saluda Building, Columbia, South Carolina 29210. The generic workshop may continue on **Wednesday, August 7, 2019**, if necessary. The Public Service Commission strongly encourages all jurisdictional utilities to participate in this generic workshop.

"Bill Roundup Programs" utilized by electric cooperatives around the country assist low income and other special needs customers by rounding participating customers' bills to the next dollar amount. The money collected through these programs is used to assist those in need within the community to help pay utility bills, access food and shelter, and provide basic needs to those facing catastrophic situations. It has become a nationally recognized community service effort and, currently, over 200 electric co-ops in the United States use this type of program to raise money for charitable causes within their service areas. Large utility companies, such as SCE&G, Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC and Duke Energy Progress, LLC are using similar programs like Share the Warmth, Project Share, and the Energy Neighbor Fund.

Any Person or Company who wishes to participate in this generic workshop should inform the Commission in writing or file written comments with the Commission and reference ND-2019-4-A, on or before July 1, 2019. The Commission's mailing address is 101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100, Saluda Building, Columbia, SC 29210.

Persons seeking further information about the Commission's Procedures should contact the Commission's offices by dialing 803-896-5100 or by writing to the Commission's mailing address at 101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100, Saluda Building, Columbia, SC 29210.